

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (new): A motorcycle comprising:

a body frame;

a supporting shaft;

a rear arm having first and second ends, the first end arranged to support a rear wheel and the second end pivotally supported by the body frame via the supporting shaft;

a spring unit arranged between the supporting shaft and the rear wheel; and

a lock arm placing section arranged to house a lock arm having left and right arm sections and a coupling section for theft prevention of the motorcycle; wherein

the lock arm placing section is arranged to house the lock arm in a position in which the left and right arm sections of the lock arm are located on both sides of the spring unit.

Claim 15 (new): The motorcycle according to claim 14, wherein the lock arm placing section is arranged to house the lock arm in a position in which the left and right arm sections are located on both left and right sides of the spring unit in a motorcycle width direction and so as to extend in a front-to-rear direction of the motorcycle.

Claim 16 (new): The motorcycle according to claim 14, wherein the lock arm placing section is arranged to house the lock arm in a position in which the lock arm is slanted down and forward in the front-to-rear direction of the motorcycle and one of the left and right arm sections is located in a position lower than the other.

Claim 17 (new): The motorcycle according to claim 14, wherein the lock arm placing section is arranged to house a lock body for the lock arm between the spring unit and the coupling section of the lock arm.

Claim 18 (new): The motorcycle according to claim 14, further comprising a mud guard disposed above the rear wheel, wherein the lock arm placing section is arranged on an upper surface of the mud guard.

Claim 19 (new): The motorcycle according to claim 14, further comprising a muffler arranged on a lower side of a rear portion of a seat, wherein the lock arm placing section is arranged between the muffler and the spring unit.

Claim 20 (new): The motorcycle according to claim 19, further comprising a shielding section arranged to shield heat from the muffler, the shielding section being integral with the lock arm placing section.

Claim 21 (new): The motorcycle according to claim 14, further comprising a cross member coupling left and right seat rails, the seat rails arranged to support a seat and the spring unit, wherein the lock arm placing section is arranged below the cross member and between the seat rails.

Claim 22 (new): A motorcycle comprising:-
a seat arranged above a rear wheel;
a muffler of an exhaust system arranged between the seat and the rear wheel;
and
a lock arm placing section arranged to house a lock arm having left and right arm sections and a coupling section for theft prevention of the motorcycle; wherein
the lock arm placing section is arranged under the seat and in front of the muffler,
and the lock arm placing section is arranged to house the lock arm in a position in which

a rear end of the lock arm is located substantially at the same height as the muffler and a front end of the lock arm is located in a position lower than the muffler.

Claim 23 (new): A motorcycle comprising:

a seat arranged above a rear wheel;

an exhaust system including a muffler and an exhaust pipe, the muffler arranged between the seat and the rear wheel; and

a lock arm placing section arranged to house a lock arm having left and right arm sections and a coupling section for theft prevention of the motorcycle; wherein

the lock arm placing section is arranged under the seat and in front of the muffler, and the lock arm placing section is arranged to house the lock arm in a position in which the lock arm is displaced to one side of a center line in a motorcycle width direction; and

the exhaust pipe is substantially parallel to the lock arm placing section in the motorcycle width direction, and a section of the exhaust pipe where the exhaust pipe and the lock arm placing section are substantially parallel is bent to an opposite side of the center line than the lock arm placing section.

Claim 24 (new): The motorcycle according to claim 23, wherein a connecting section of the exhaust pipe and the muffler is displaced to one side of the center line.

Claim 25 (new): A motorcycle comprising:

a pair of left and right seat rails supporting a seat, the seat rails having a first portion located near a front end of the seat and a second portion located further in the rear in a front-to-rear direction of the motorcycle than the first portion, a distance between the second portions in a motorcycle width direction being larger than a distance between the first portions in the motorcycle width direction; and

a lock arm placing section arranged to house a lock arm having left and right arm sections and a coupling section for theft prevention of the motorcycle; wherein

the lock arm placing section is arranged to house the lock arm in a position in which the left and right arm sections of the lock arm extend upward to the rear in the

front-to-rear direction of the motorcycle, to locate the coupling section in the rear in the front-to-rear direction of the motorcycle, to locate one of the left and right arm sections below a space between the first portion and the second portion of the seat rails, and to locate a tip of the one arm section on an outer side of the first portion in the motorcycle width direction and on an inner side of the second portion in the motorcycle width direction.

Claim 26 (new): The motorcycle according to claim 25, wherein the lock arm placing section is arranged to slant and house the lock arm such that the one arm section is located in a position lower than the other of the left and right arm sections.